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1. REFTEL INDICATES APPARENT INTENT GOF NEGOTIATE BILATERAL
TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITH GOS.

2. THIS DEVELOPMENT, IF FACTUAL, WOULD APPEAR PROVIDE
BASIS FOR DISCRETE POLICY QUESTION TO BE PUT TO EC
COMMISSION. FIRST, COULD COMMISSION CONFIRM THIS REPORT
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AND, SECOND, IF TRUE, DOES IT PRESAGE REVERSAL DIRECTION

EC TEXTILE TRADE POLICY AS REFLECTED IN STATEMENTS EC
(COMMISSION) REPS COURSE RECENT TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS
GENEVA. IF OUR UNDERSTANDING STATEMENTS MADE IN
CONVERSATIONS WITH EC DEL. IN GENEVA IS CORRECT, WE
THOUGHT ALL FUTURE TEXTILE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE
CONDUCTED BY COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE RATHER
THAN BILATERALLY BETWEEN MEMBER STATES AND THIRD COUNTRIES.

3. WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION MISSION MAY BE
ABLE TO DEVELOP ON THIS ISSUE.

4. FYI DEPT. AWARE BEN MEYNELL VISITING WASHINGTON THIS
COMING WEEK, AND WE ALSO PLAN DISCUSS ABOVE WITH HIM. END
FYI. RUSH

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